GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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INDO-CHINA BOUNDARY DISPUTE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to make an early settlement of Indo-China boundary disputes;

(b) if so, whether the China has expressed its keenness for the same; and

(c) if so, the steps taken so far and proposed to be taken in that regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. India and China have agreed to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question through peaceful and friendly dialogue.

(c) India and China signed an Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the India-China Border Areas in 1993 and a second Agreement on Confidence Building Measures in the Military Field along the LAC ir the India-China Border Areas in 1996.These two Agreements provide an institutional framework for the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas. Both sides have also agreed to expedite the process of LAC clarification within the existing mechanisms.